

## Message Text

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R 050821Z JUN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1999  
INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY  
AMCONSUL CALCUTTA  
AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD  
AMCONSUL MADRAS  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TECH IN UR US  
SUBJECT: DESAI ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

1. ACCORDING TO THE JUNE 5 EDITIONS OF THE NEW DELHI PRESS,  
PRIME MINISTER DESAI MET THE PREVIOUS DAY A GROUP OF  
VISITING AMERICAN PROFESSORS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH.  
ASKED WHETHER HE WAS UNDER PRESSURE TO DEVELOP AN INDIAN  
MILITARY NUCLEAR CAPABILITY, DESAI REPORTEDLY REPLIED:  
"EVEN IF THERE IS, I WILL NOT GIVE IN TO PRESSURE. NO  
PEOPLE, WHETHER IN INDIA OR ELSEWHERE WANT WARS OR BOMBS.  
IT IS ONLY A FEW WHO WANT IT (SIC) AND THEY HAVE TO BE  
CONVINCED."

2. THE SAME EDITIONS ALSO REPORTED INFORMATION PUBLISHED  
BY THE STOCKHOLM PEACE RESEARCH INSTITUTE ALLEGING THAT  
SHORTLY BEFORE INDIA'S 1974 NUCLEAR EXPLOSION BOTH  
THE US AND THE USSR LAUNCHED RECONNAISSANCE SATELLITES  
WHOSE ORBITS BROUGHT THEM NEAR THE POKHARAN TEST SITE  
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DURING THE WEEK OF INDIA'S TEST. COMMENTING THAT THE  
SHORT-LIVED SATELLITES ARE USUALLY LAUNCHED FOR  
SPECIFIC PURPOSES, THE INSTITUTE WAS NONETHELESS  
UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE US AND SOVIET  
SATELLITES WERE LAUNCHED TO SPY ON POKHARAN, THE ARMY  
COUP IN CYPRUS OR THE SUBSEQUENT TURKISH INVASION OF  
THE ISLAND.

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